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## New Haven Yacht Club seeks Corps permit to retain, maintain existing mooring field at its location in New Haven Harbor

**CONCORD, Mass.** – The New Haven Yacht Club is seeking a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct work in waters of the United States in conjunction with retaining and maintaining an existing mooring field in New Haven, Conn.

The proposed work is the retention and maintenance of up to 60 moorings in an area of approximately 1,500 feet by 1,200 feet by New Haven Yacht Club in Morris Cove at 156 Cove Street in New Haven. Since the early 1970s the New Haven Yacht Club has maintained a mooring field and used a work float to service its associated moorings.

The applicant wishes to obtain the appropriate permits authorizing the continued use of New Haven Harbor for the following activities: the operation of a seasonal mooring field limited to 60 moorings from approximately May 15 to Oct. 15 in New Haven Harbor. Individual moorings of 100-, 200-, and 300-pounds are used for the seasonal berthing of sailboats within the area defined by the GPS coordinates and maps in the public notice. The temporary use and mooring of a 12-foot by 12-foot work float with an attached tripod and winch is used at the beginning of the season to install the moorings, and is used at the end of the season in order to remove the moorings. During the off-season the work float is removed and stored at an upland location at 156 Cove Street.

The project will impact approximately 40 acres of Essential Fish Habitat for various species and life stages. This habitat consists of sandy silt. Loss of this habitat may adversely affect these species. However, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the site specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding Essential Fish Habitat conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final permit decision.

The application for the federal permit was filed with the Corps of Engineers in compliance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, which provides for federal regulation of any work in, or affecting navigable waters of the United States. The public notice can be viewed on the Corps website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>. Select Regulatory/Permitting and then weekly public notices.

Public comments on the Corps permit review (File # NAE-2008-3240) should be forwarded no later than March 24, 2010 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division (ATTN: Michael Riccio), 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751. Additional information is available from Permit Project Manager Michael Riccio at 978-318-8685 or toll free 800-343-4789 or 800-362-4367 (if calling from within Massachusetts) or by email to: [michael.s.riccio@usace.army.mil](mailto:michael.s.riccio@usace.army.mil).

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